

MonarchTM

User Guide



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WARNING!

DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY can occur.

- Use only with children whose height is between 38 and 60 inches (97 and 152 cm).
- DO NOT use this booster seat without the backrest unless it is used in a seating position with a vehicle headrest.
- DO NOT use this booster seat as a backless booster unless proper vehicle-belt placement can be achieved.
- Use only the vehicle's lap-and-shoulder-belt system when restraining a child in this booster seat.
- Follow all instructions on this child restraint and in the written instructions. To ensure proper restraint use, keep and store this user guide under the base of the seat.
- Register your child restraint with the manufacturer.
- Use restraint forward facing only!
- This booster seat must not be used in the home, in boats, or other non-certified applications.
- Do not use any part of this booster seat with other seat cushions or back rests.
- Secure booster seat even when unoccupied. In a crash, an unsecured booster seat may injure vehicle occupants.
- This booster seat is not compatible with vehicle child-restraint anchorage systems (LATCH).
- Do not use this booster seat with two-point vehicle belts (lap-belt only or shoulder-belt only). Your child would be seriously injured in the event of a crash.
- To prevent injury due to deterioration, hidden damage, lost instructions, outdated technology, etc., discontinue use of a booster seat that is older than six years or has been in a severe crash.



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- Based on crash statistics, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration recommends that parents select the rear seat as the safest location for a properly installed booster seat. Please study the section on Vehicle Safety Belts in this booklet to ensure the child's safety. If in doubt about installing this booster seat, consult the vehicle owner's manual.
- The primary protection for occupants of a vehicle in a collision is the structure of the vehicle itself; a booster seat will not protect a child when the vehicle is seriously impacted. However, correctly installed, a booster seat will substantially improve the chances for survival in most crashes. Make sure all users fully understand the correct ways to use this booster seat in a vehicle.
- Do not, except as described in this book, attempt to disassemble or modify any part of the booster seat or vehicle belts.
- Do not leave loose objects, e.g. books, bags, etc., in the back of a vehicle. In the event of a sudden stop, loose objects will keep moving, potentially causing serious injuries.
- Do not leave folding vehicle seats unlatched. In the event of a sudden stop, a loose seat back could prevent the booster seat from protecting the child as well as it should.
- Do not use anything to raise the booster seat off the vehicle seat.
- Do not allow children to play with this booster seat.
- Do not leave children alone in a vehicle, even for a short time.



DO NOT place a child restraint in the front seat of a vehicle with a passenger air bag. **DEATH or SERIOUS INJURY** can occur. The back seat is the safest place for children under 12.

Important Notes

- Children who weigh 40 pounds (18 kg) or less are best protected in a restraint with a five-point harness. Britax recommends that children remain in a restraint with a five-point harness until reaching the maximum weight or height allowed.
- Set a good example by always wearing your seat belt. Make it a firm rule that the vehicle does not move until everyone is buckled up making no exceptions.
- Cover the booster seat with a towel or blanket when the vehicle is parked in direct sunlight. Parts of the booster seat could become hot enough to burn the child.
- Store the booster seat in a safe place when not in use. Do not place heavy objects on top of the booster seat while in storage.

Maximum Height

Child is too tall when top of ears are above the top of a fully raised headrest.



Certification

This child restraint system conforms to all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards. **This restraint is not certified for use in aircraft.** Lap belts provided in aircraft cannot be used safely with this product.

Registration

Visit www.BritaxUSA.com to register your restraint online!

Child restraints could be recalled for safety reasons. You must register this restraint to be reached in a recall. Send your name, address and the restraint's model number and manufacturing date to Britax Child Safety, Inc., 13501 South Ridge Drive, Charlotte, NC, 28273 or call 1-888-4BRITAX. For recall information, call the U.S. Government's Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.NHTSA.gov.

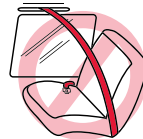
Vehicle Safety Belts

IMPORTANT: Some vehicles have no seating positions compatible with this or any other booster seat. If in doubt, contact the vehicle manufacturer for assistance.

To protect your child in a crash, you must use this booster seat with vehicle safety belts that are compatible. This booster seat can only be used with three-point (shoulder-and-lap) safety belts that are not motorized or anchored on the vehicle door.

The following types of vehicle belts are not compatible with this booster seat:

- ✘ Two-point belts of any kind.
- ✘ Front vehicle belts with top or bottom anchorage points in the door.
- ✘ Motor-driven, automatic vehicle belts.
- ✘ Three-point belts that have separate retractors for the shoulder and lap sections.

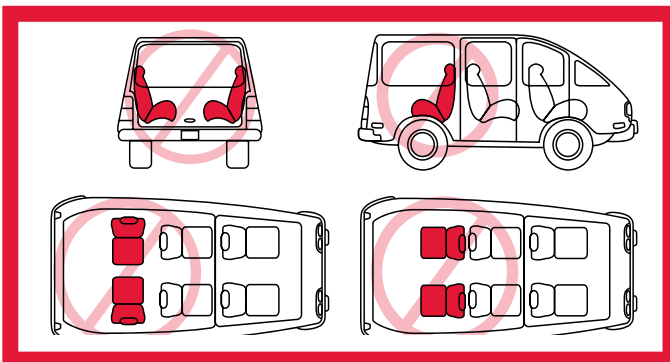


The vehicle owner's manual will have information on the types of seat belts in the vehicle. If the belt type is listed above, select another seating position.

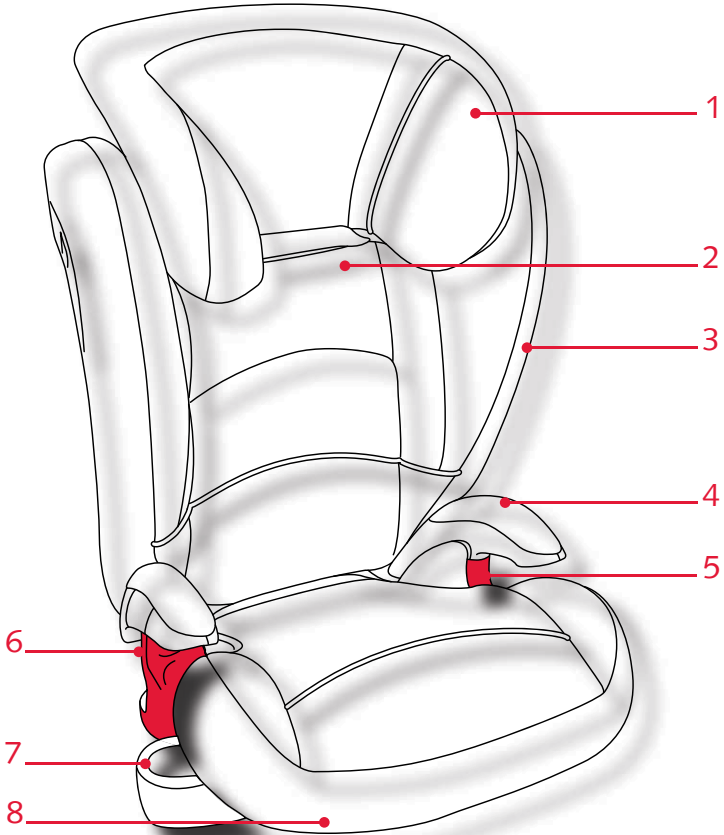
Vehicle Seating Positions

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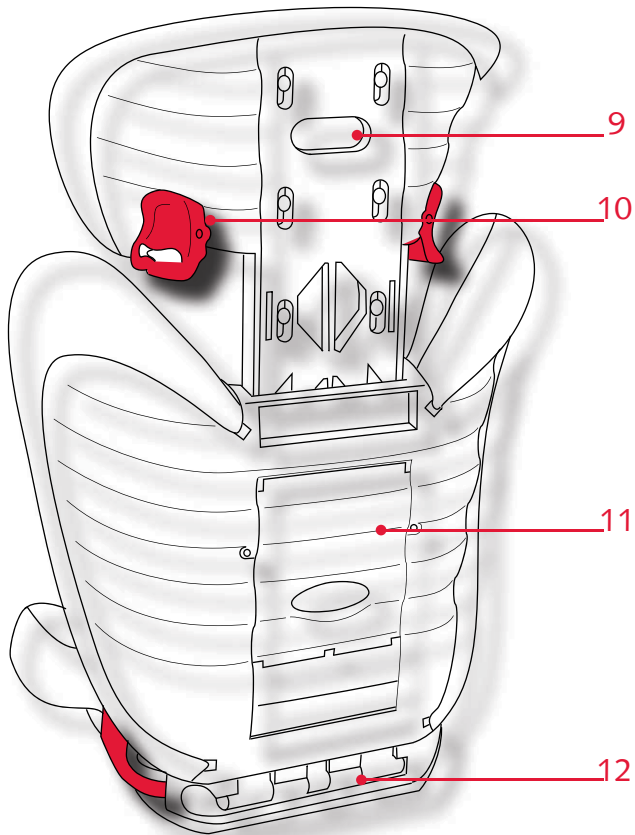
- Britax and the U.S. Department of Transportation warn that children 12 and under must ride in the rear seats, away from front air bags. The only exception is if the air bag is turned off. When using in a vehicle with air bags, refer to the vehicle owner's manual for additional booster seat installation instructions and precautions.
- Only use this booster seat in forward-facing vehicle seats. Side-facing or rear-facing seats in vans, station wagons or trucks **CANNOT** be used.



Features



1. Headrest
2. Backrest
3. Side wings
4. Armrest (one on each side)
5. Color-coded lap-belt guide (one on each side)
6. Base adjustment lever (one on each side)
7. Retractable cup holder (one on each side)
8. Base

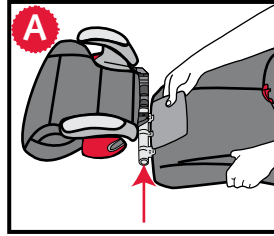


- 9. Headrest height-adjustment handle
- 10. Shoulder-belt guide (one on each side)
- 11. Recline flap
- 12. Backrest attachment axle

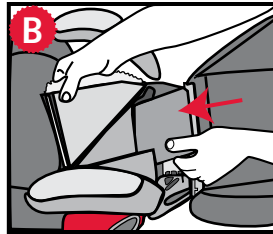
Attaching the Backrest

To attach the backrest to the base, place the base on a flat surface and align the back rest evenly with the base.

- 1 Fold the plastic tab on the backrest upward, align the backrest attachment axle with the axle guide on the base and slide the backrest attachment axle into position. (Fig. A)



- 2 Push the plastic tab under the seat cushion so that it rests on the plastic surface of the base. (Fig. B)



- 3 Swivel the backrest up until you hear a "click." Backrest is not fully engaged until a click is heard. (Fig. C)

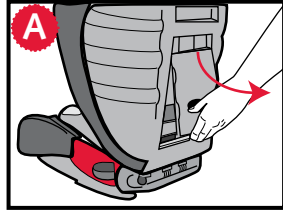
Tip: Always use caution and keep fingers away from moving parts to avoid potential injury.



Adjusting the Backrest

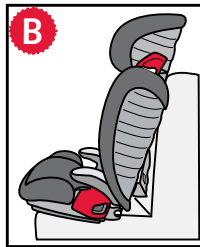
Use the two-position recline flap to adjust the back angle of the booster seat.

- 1 Reclined Backrest Position:**
Pull out the recline flap and slide down until in reclined position. (Fig. A)



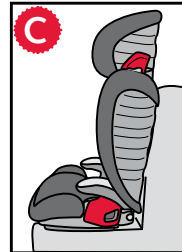
- 2** Recline the backrest until the recline flap lies flat along the back of the vehicle seat. (Fig. B)

WARNING: Do not recline the backrest farther than the recline flap will allow. This could cause the backrest to become loose or unstable in the event of a crash.



- 3 Upright Backrest Position:**
Pull recline flap out and slide up until in upright position, flush with backrest. (Fig. C)

WARNING: Whether in reclined or upright position, recline flap should always be in full contact with the vehicle seat when booster is installed.

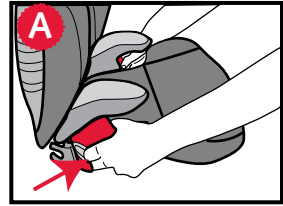


Adjustments

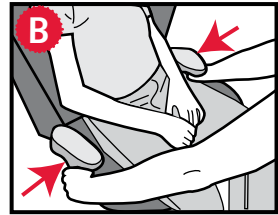
Adjusting the Width of the Base

The base width can be adjusted for a proper fit, to improve side-impact protection and provide greater comfort.

- 1 Before placing child in seat, squeeze both adjustment levers while pulling arm rests apart to achieve the widest base position. (Fig. A)



- 2 Place child in the seat. Squeeze both adjustment levers to adjust the armrests and base width to the desired position. (Fig. B)



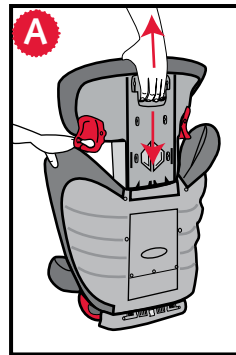
Note: Armrests should fit snugly against child's hips. As your child grows, further width adjustments will become necessary.

Adjusting Headrest Height

- 1 Check fit with child seated in booster seat.

With one hand, grasp and pull up on height-adjustment handle located at top rear of headrest. Use opposite hand to stabilize the seat. (Fig. A)

Slide headrest up or down to the desired height and release adjustment handle. Repeat process until headrest is positioned properly with the shoulder belt resting comfortably across the child's shoulders. (Fig. B)

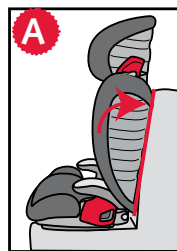


Tip: Make note of the adjustment needed for a fit where the belt guides are even with, or just above, the child's shoulder.



Installation

- 1** Place booster seat in a vehicle seating position equipped with a lap-shoulder belt. Refer to page 7 to determine the best seating position for the child.
- 2** Position the booster seat with the back against the vehicle seat. Adjust recline, if necessary, for proper fit. (Fig. A) See page 11 for recline adjustments.



If needed, adjust or remove the vehicle's head rest to allow the backrest to fall flat against the vehicle's seat back.

- 3** Position lap portion of the vehicle belt under armrest and over both color-coded belt guides and child's upper thighs then buckle. (Fig. B) Ensure the buckle is secure by gently pulling on it.



- 4** Position the shoulder portion of the vehicle belt through the shoulder belt guide, opposite the buckle. (Fig. C)
 - Shoulder belt must be positioned so it rests on the child's shoulder. To adjust headrest, refer to page 12.



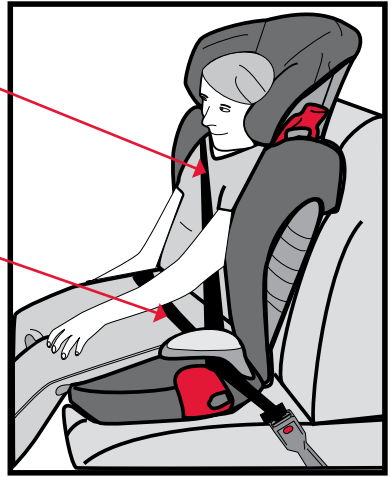
- 5** Remove slack from lap, then shoulder portion of the vehicle belt to provide a comfortable but snug fit for the child. (Fig. D) See page 14 for further instruction on securing the child.



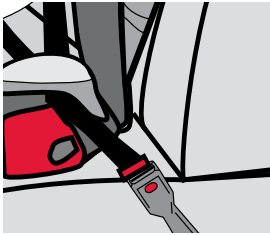
Using the Booster Seat

Securing the Child

- 1 Thread the vehicle shoulder belt through the red belt guide on the head rest closest to the retractor.
- 2 Pull the vehicle belt across the child's chest to the opposite lap-belt guide nearest the seat buckle.
- 3 Pull the lap-belt section under both arm rests and over the red belt guides so that the belt lays flat on the child's lap.
- 4 Straps should be tight and not twisted. Remove all slack from lap and shoulder portions of the vehicle belt to ensure a snug fit.



IMPORTANT: When properly installed, the vehicle belt buckle does not rest between the red belt guide and the arm rest on the base.



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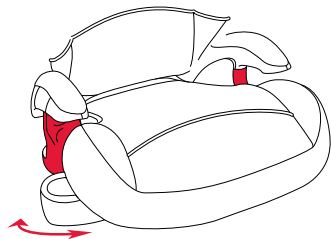
Incorrect

Using the Retractable Cup Holders

Retractable cup holders are located on each side of the base of the seat.

To use the cup holder, swivel it outward from front to back.

To store the cup holder, swivel it inward from back to front.



IMPORTANT: DO NOT step on or put excess weight on the cup holder as it could cause the cup holder to break.

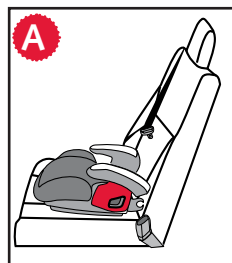
CAUTION: Do not use with hot liquids as it may burn your child.

Using the Booster without a Backrest

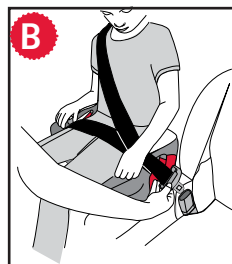
WARNING!

- DO NOT use this booster seat without the backrest unless the booster seat will be properly installed in a vehicle seat with a headrest.
- ONLY use this booster seat without the backrest if proper vehicle belt positioning can be achieved. Proper positioning is achieved when the vehicle belt's shoulder section crosses the chest and center of the child's collar bone.
- ALWAYS use the vehicle's lap-and-shoulder belt system when using this booster seat without the backrest.

- 1** Place the booster seat base in a seating position equipped with a vehicle lap-shoulder belt and headrest. Refer to page 7 for Vehicle Seating Positions. (Fig. A)



- 2** Pull the vehicle belt from the retractor, positioning the lap belt under both armrests and in front of both color-coded belt guides, then latch the vehicle belt buckle. (Fig. B) Ensure the buckle is secure by gently pulling on it.



- 3** Adjust the vehicle-belt's shoulder section so that it crosses the chest and center of the child's collar bone. (Fig. B)

Straps should be tight and not twisted. All slack should be removed from lap and shoulder portions of the vehicle belt to ensure a snug fit.

Cover Removal

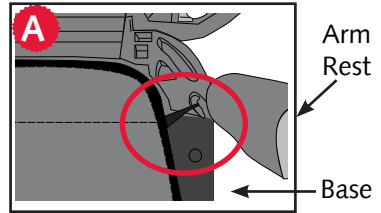
Tip: Use a blunt wooden rod (pencil, chopstick, etc.) to assist with untucking the cover hooks from the shell.

Before removing the cover, place booster seat on a level surface. Lift headrest to highest level, swivel backrest down and expand base to the widest position.

1 Removing Base Cover

Locate the elastic loops at the back corners of the base. (Fig. A)

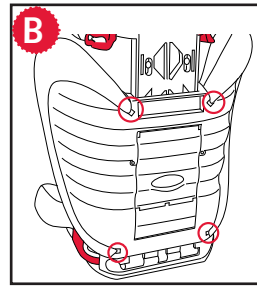
Unfasten elastic loops from plastic notches on each side of the base and slide the cover off.



2 Removing Backrest Cover

Swivel backrest up. Locate the four notches on the rear of the backrest (two at the top and two at the bottom). (Fig. B)

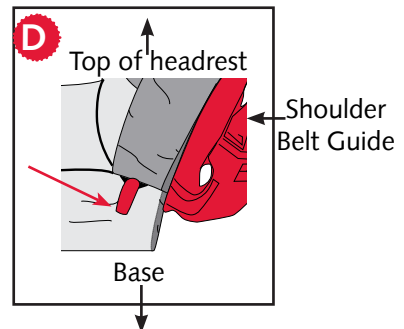
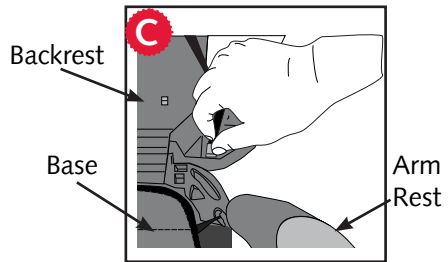
Unfasten the hooks (located under the backrest cover) by pulling the cover toward the center of the backrest and lifting the hooks up and out. Slide backrest cover off.



3 Removing Headrest Cover

Unhook elastic straps from clips at bottom of backrest. (Fig. C)

Locate the red tabs at each bottom corner of the headrest near the color-coded belt guides. (Fig. D) Push the cover back to release it from the tabs. Once the cover is off the tabs, slide it off the headrest.



4 To replace the cover, reverse the directions above.

Care and Maintenance

Cleaning the Cover

HAND WASH using cold water and mild soap.

LINE DRY to prevent cover from shrinking.

DO NOT bleach, machine wash or machine dry.

Cleaning the Shell

SPONGE CLEAN using warm water and mild soap.

TOWEL DRY

DO NOT use solvents, abrasive cleaners or disassemble booster in any way, except as instructed.

Warranty Information

This booster seat was manufactured by Britax Child Safety, Inc. ("Britax"). Britax warrants this product to the original retail purchaser as follows:

Limited One-Year Warranty

This booster seat is warranted against defective materials or workmanship for one year from the date of original purchase. Proof of purchase is required. The exclusive remedy for this warranty is that Britax will, at its option, provide repair or replacement components for this product or refund the original purchase price of the product. Britax reserves the right to discontinue or change fabrics, parts, models or products, or to make substitutions.

To make a claim under this warranty, you must contact Britax Consumer Services at 1-888-4BRITAX or write to 13501 South Ridge Drive, Charlotte, NC 28273. Proof of purchase is required.

PLEASE COMPLETE AND MAIL THE OWNER REGISTRATION CARD
WITHIN 30 DAYS OF PURCHASE

Warranty Limitations

This warranty does not include damages which arise from negligence, misuse, or use not in accordance with the user guide.

The use of non-Britax covers, inserts, toys, accessories or tightening devices is not approved by Britax. Their use could cause this booster seat to fail federal safety standards or perform worse in a crash. Their use automatically voids the Britax warranty.

Limitations of Damages

The warranty and remedies as set forth above are exclusive and in lieu of all others, oral or written, express or implied. In no event will Britax or the retailer selling this product be liable for any damages, including incidental or consequential damages, or loss of use arising out of the use (or inability to use) this product.

Limitations of Warranties and Other Warranty Terms and State Law Rights

Any implied warranties, including implied warranties of merchantability and fitness for a particular purpose, shall be limited to the duration and terms of the express written warranty. Some states do not allow limitations on how long an implied warranty lasts or the exclusion or limitation of incidental or consequential damages, so the above limitations may not apply. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may have other rights which vary from state to state. Neither Britax, nor the retailer selling this product, authorize any person to create for it any other warranty, obligation, or liability in connection with this product.

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